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NOTE FOR:

SUBJECT: OSCOL Status Report

1. As reported earlier, the first meeting of the OSCOL Ad Hoc Working Group took place on 20 June. The members accepted the individual tasking that I proposed and generally speaking the attitude was "guardedly positive". It became apparent very fast that although the members were carefully selected on the basis of strong experience and expertise in at least one of the several OSCOL functions, each must be updated on what the rest of the OSCOL community is doing before we can begin as a group to address problems, issues and opportunities.

2. We decided that the fastest way for the group as a whole to come up to speed on those community OSCOL activities where they felt deficient would be for the group as a body to go and observe those activities in action. We agreed to compress this learning exercise into as short a time as schedules would permit. Accordingly, we are assembling tomorrow morning at 0930 at CIA's Office of Central Reference for a half day cram course intended to give members ideas about how OCR might better perform "service of common concern" functions for the community relative to abstracting, extracting, "gisting", "batching", storage and retrieval of open source materials. (Working Group Tasking, Item 5.c. on Page 6). The agenda is attached hereto.

3. On-location examinations of the Library of Congress' Federal Research Division, the Air Force's FTD intelligence support activity ("service of common concern" to DoD on S&T matters) and its independent contract support unit (Battelle Institute) will follow. That may suffice, unless they need to visit also FSTC and the NISC. 25X1A

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5. At the same time, is already well into a critical examination of Community translation activities, starting with those in the DoD. He is seeing a (DIA Production) today and I have arranged with HRC member, to introduce him to all other people in DoD who manage translation activities.

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6. Similarly, Dr. Dodge is launched on his task of exploring possibilities for better interconnecting community libraries, data banks, etc. in support of national intelligence production. To date he has identified some 24 such entities that are involved with one or more intelligence organizations, and reports that this may be very fertile ground for improvement.

7. So far I have been in close contact with HRC members [redacted] (State), [redacted] (Treasury), and associate member [redacted] (Commerce) to obtain their personal help to Working Group members and to keep them aware of what is happening in their areas of interest.

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Briefing of the OSCOL Working Group, HRC

Friday, 30 June 1978

CIA Headquarters, Room 2E62

(except as noted)

0930-1215

0930-1000	Overview of Office of Central Reference	D/OCR	H.C. Eisenbeiss
	--Present programs, future services including SAFE, and budgetary implications		25X1A
1000-1030	Publications Procurement Program	C/Acquisitions Branch	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
	--Description of Program to include services provided to CIA and Community components; <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div> responsibility; library automation; and future enhancements		25X1 25X1A
1030-1100	Information Services Group	C/ISG	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
	--Description of various services--RECON/AEGIS, biographic and installations; open literature processing; degree of automation in each system; Community responsibilities; and CIRCOL		25X1A
1100-1115	Break		
1115-1145	RECON Demonstration (Room 1H19)	SAIO/ISG	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
1145-1215	Automated Indexes to Open Literature in the CIA Library (Room 1E41)	C/CIA Library	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
	--ORBIT, DIALOG, MEDLINE, OCLC, NYTIB and Ready Reference-- how used and to what extent; plans for additional services		

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